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a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders...

Chandler's Park and Ride is located at the southwest corner of Germann Road and Hamilton Street. This facility has 460 parking spaces and provides

Express bus service to downtown Phoenix, Scottsdale and Tempe. Connections can also be made to the light rail. The Paseo Trail is nearby, enabling commuters who live nearby to walk or ride their bike. Bike racks and bike lockers are available. For more information, call the City of Chandler Transit Department at 480-782-3440.

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City offices will be closed for **Veterans' Day, November 11**, and **Thanksgiving, November 26 & 27**,

Trash and recycling will be collected as usual on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. However, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 26. If your regular collection day is Thursday, place your container at the curb on Friday by 6 a.m. Customers whose regular collection day is Friday should place their container at the curb on Saturday by 6 a.m. Leave containers at the curb until collected.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of September 1, 2009, is 252,328.

Changing seasons brings unpopular flu season

It's flu season, and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and other global health organizations have been telling the public to prepare for the possibility of widespread illness affecting themselves and their families.

In addition to the common seasonal flu, a new Novel H1N1 influenza virus (referred to as "swine flu" early on) is also causing illness in people. The H1N1 virus is spreading from person-to-person in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread; through coughing, sneezing, shaking hands and touching objects with flu viruses and then touching the mouth, eyes or nose.

The best way to guard against the flu is frequent hand washing with anti-bacterial soap, especially after coughing or sneezing, or

using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Getting a flu vaccination, and an H1N1 vaccination when it becomes available, is also important.

Please monitor your own health closely. If you experience flu-like symptoms – such as high fever, aches and pains, and a sore throat – contact your primary care physician immediately. You should also stay home until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

This critical public health situation is rapidly evolving, and everyone should educate themselves about the issues and continue to monitor the situation closely. There is also a wealth of information available online from reliable agencies, such as www.flu.gov and www.stopthespreadaz.org, in addition to the City Web site at www.chandleraz.gov/flu.



www.chandleraz.gov/shop

Do you have a Chandler business with a great deal? The City of Chandler wants to help you succeed! Visit chandleraz.gov/shop and send us info about your business' latest special, and we'll share it with members of the Shop Chandler Club who have committed to spending their dollars in Chandler. Residents can also sign up to receive great deals from local businesses.

Shopping in Chandler helps support local businesses, and funds important city services such as police, fire, libraries and parks. Remember, Invest Wisely, Shop Chandler.

Tips for winter lawn watering available

The whirr of lawnmowers, clouds of dust, piles of straw-colored grass, all mixed with the aroma of steer manure. These are all signs that overseeding season has arrived. The process of growing a winter lawn can be labor intensive and expensive, but some homeowners still opt for year-round grass. If you are 'going for the green,' it's important to manage the water applied to these areas. Winter lawns tend to be the biggest water-wasters during this season, with two to three times more water being applied than the grass really needs. It's also common for runoff from winter lawns to collect in Chandler streets that ultimately create the need for street repairs.

What can you do to have a water-efficient winter lawn? First, take a good look at your existing grass areas and make sound overseeding decisions by answering the following questions:

Is this grass area actually used? You may decide to overseed the back yard where the kids play, but forgo overseeding the front yard. The Water Conservation office offers rebates for converting turf areas to low-water-use plants for residents (up to \$600).

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Common household chemicals should be disposed of properly

Residents should never dispose of household chemicals in their trash or recycling container. It is just as dangerous to pour these items down sink drains, or to dump chemical waste at the curb and gutter, in storm drains or in alleyways. So what should you do with your household hazardous waste?

The City collects this type of waste at its new Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility by appointment. This provides residents the opportunity to safely dispose of and recycle common household hazardous products. Some common items include:

- paint and paint-related materials;
- automotive products such as antifreeze, batteries, and motor oil;
- pesticides, poisons, and pool chemicals;
- rechargeable batteries, CFL bulbs and propane tanks.

This service is available to Chandler residents (those living in incorporated areas) only by appointment. No commercial waste will be accepted. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 480-782-3510.

Did you know?

Liquid waste is not allowed in the trash or recycling containers. Be sure all items are free of liquids before placing them in your containers. Empty aluminum cans and water bottles before placing them in your recycle bin. Call Solid Waste Services at 480-782-3510 with questions.

It's Fire Prevention Month -- Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned

Chandler Fire and the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) remind you to "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned." Testing the water before putting a child in the bath may sound like common sense. Wearing short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking on the stovetop may show foresight. These and other simple actions may be all it takes to prevent devastating burns.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10, focuses on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of home fires. Call Chandler Fire at 480-782-2121 for more information on preventing fires.

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Are there narrow strips of grass? It is very difficult to water narrow strips of grass (under 8 feet in width) without over-spraying onto sidewalks, streets, etc., resulting in significant water waste. You may want to consider completely removing the narrow grass areas as part of a long-term renovation plan.

Is the lawn planted on a slope? Sloped areas create runoff problems onto sidewalks and streets. To reduce runoff, divide your watering cycles into several shorter periods so water has a chance to soak into the soil. Next, be on the lookout for over-watered areas -- soils that are constantly soggy; molds or algae growing on the soil surface; areas of standing water; mushrooms growing in the grass; and excessive growth and yellowing of the grass.

The Water Conservation Office distributes *Landscape Watering by the Numbers*, providing tips to determine how long and often to water your lawn. Order a free copy online at www.chandleraz.gov/water or by calling 480-782-3580.

Farmers Market returns

The Farmers Market in Downtown Chandler has returned with food vendors and more than a dozen crafts vendors every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. Organic produce, salsa, fruit, fresh eggs and bread are among the products that will be sold. Another exciting event in Downtown, El Dia de los Muertos, takes place October 31, from noon to 10 p.m., and will feature live music, vendors, arts and crafts and more!

Historic Downtown is nestled near the City's center, between the Loop 202/Santan Freeway and Chandler Boulevard, along Arizona Avenue. For more information, call 480-782-3047.

Calendar highlights

November

- 4 Downtown Chandler Art Walk, Historic Downtown, 480-855-3539
- 7, 14, 21 Vision Kidz workshop, Vision Gallery, 480-917-6859
- 11 Veterans' Day holiday, City offices closed
- 14 Urban Fishing Clinic, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2890
- 16, 19 City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180
- 26, 27 Thanksgiving holiday, City offices closed

Call the Special Events hotline at **480-782-2735** or go to **www.chandleraz.gov** for event information.

Your City officials want input on how to build a better community. E-mail your comments to: **service@chandleraz.gov**.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.

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